

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3149

DATED 23rd June 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Copy to the Resident in Travancore & Cochin
letter from the Govt of India re. prohibition of
the import of Hemp drugs into the Madras Presidency,
& requesting that the Travancore & Cochin Durbar
may be informed that the import of the drugs
into those states from British territory has not
been prohibited by the Govt of India.

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Political (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2708

To.

Revenue Dept

Will Revenue deal with this
- is should Political transfer to Rev. or should P. comm?
to Rev. & R.?

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29.5.97

From

The Govt. of India

In & Com. Dept.

No. 2206-Ex

Order I think the matter is best
be dealt with in Rev.

11/6/97.

Dated 17th June 1897. Received 24th May 1897
Transferred to the Revenue Department Registered 25th May 1897

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Enclosures -

Chief Secretary Spare copies -

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1.6.97

SUBJECT.

Stating that exports of
intoxicating drugs from Travancore
and Cochin should be prohibited.

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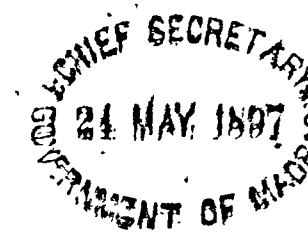
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 17th May 1897.



To

The CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,
Political Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No.94 dated the 16th March 1897 (addressed to the Foreign Department) forwarding copy of a communication from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin to the Diwans of those States requesting the issue of orders prohibiting the bringing or taking by Sea or land into Travancore and Cochin of intoxicating drugs prepared from the hemp plant (*Cannabis sativa*, variety *Indica*).

2. It appears from paragraphs 309 and 387 of the Hemp Drugs Commission's Report that the cultivation of the hemp plant is generally speaking prohibited in Travancore, and that the State imports annually about 100 maunds of hemp drugs sufficient for about 4000 consumers. It is not clear therefore how, if import of the drugs into this State is to be prohibited, the demand therefor will be legitimately met. In this connection I am to observe that the question of the import and transport of hemp drugs into and through Travancore and Cochin for consumption there is a matter of internal administration in those States, and the reasons which link them with the British Government in matters of Customs Administration do not apply in this case. Export of intoxicating drugs from either State should however be prohibited, so as to support the notification prohibiting their import into the Madras Presidency issued under Section 19 of the Sea Customs Act in this Department No.707-S.R. dated 12th February 1897. If this be done the Government of India will

have

have no desire to interfere further with the internal regulation by the Travancore and Cochin States of the traffic in ganja &c. provided their systems are such as to secure the British Government against hemp drugs being passed from these States into their territories.

3. I am to point out that the Resident was in error in stating that the Governor General in Council had prohibited the export of intoxicating drugs from the Madras Presidency. The notification above referred to relates to import only, and all that was required by paragraph 4 of Mr. Paine's letter of 1st February 1897 No. 545-S.R. was the proper regulation of the export traffic.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. M. S.

Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

W. H. S.

C. No 4708

For orders:-

One of the proposals made by the Board of Revenue (L.P. Rev.) for giving effect to the recommendations of the Hemp Drugs Commission was to prohibit the import of the drugs ^{into} the Madras Presidency by a notification to be issued under Section 19 of the Sea Customs Act VIII of 1878. This proposal was approved and the Govt. of India was requested in this Govt. letter No 358 of 24.7.96 to issue the necessary notification. The notification issued by the Govt. of India contained in G.O. No 980 of 19.2.97 was communicated to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin. The notification is worded thus:-

"The Governor General in Council is pleased to prohibit the bringing or taking by sea or land into the territories administered by the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council of intoxicating drugs prepared from the hemp plant."

The Resident in communicating this

and Cochin
then to the Transvaal ^{Durham} states
that the Governor in Council has
prohibited the bringing or taking
to sea or land into or from the
territories administered by the
Governor of Fort Saint George in
Council of intoxicating drugs
prepared from the hemp plant
and requested that a similar
prohibition be ordered as regards
Transvaal and Cochin.

2. The Govt of India now point
out that it was not contemplated
to prohibit the import of the ~~drug~~
into these states and that,
seeing that Transvaal depends
for its supply ^{on extraneous sources} ~~from outside~~, the
demand for the drugs cannot be
legitimately met if import were
prohibited.

3. It ~~was~~ was all along contemplated
to permit the export ^{from the Madras Presidency} of drugs which
had paid duty and the communication
of the Resident was due to a
misinterpretation of the Govt of
India notification.

4. Submitted that the following
order may issue.

1/2/97.

x vide para. 2 III (a) of G.O. 352
24.7.96
Classed D, and para 4 of
Govt of Madras letter in G.O.
12/4/97 6th March 1997 Classed G.

G.O. no. 3149 923.6.97

The foregoing letter from the
Govt of India will be communicated
to the Resident in Transvaal and
Cochin with the request that
the Transvaal and Cochin Durhams
may be informed that the import
of hemp drugs ~~from these~~ into these
states from British territory has
not been prohibited by the Govt
of India.

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The Resident in T. & C.
through the Political Secy.

Copy to the Board of Revenue (Secy. Secy.)

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